



# SACRED HEART

## SCHOOL

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### WEEKLY UPDATES

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### Be Not Afraid!

#### *Coming up!*

Remember, we are practicing the Virtue of *fidelity* this month: always staying true to our promises and commitments!

#### January 16 - January 20th

1/16 → CYO Varsity Boys Game 6:45

1/17 → Wednesday Rosary Warriors

→ HCA Information Presentation

→ CYO Game 7:45

1/18 → Beginner Band Special Practice 8am

→ Republic Bank to 4th Grade

→ Choir

1/19 → March for Life

1/20 → Spaghetti Dinner Night

Dear Parents,

Greetings to you all on this brisk evening! Although 37 degrees is positively balmy in comparison to our recent temperatures.

I have to start this message by thanking all of you for your patience and support as we work through a variety of maintenance issues in the Auditorium. I am grateful for Mr. D'Entremont and his team who have worked tirelessly to get us up and running as fast as possible, as well as Ms. Heather and her team who have been flexible as they worked and re-worked menus. It certainly takes a village, and I feel so very blessed that we are the best village around!

That was surely emphasized at last week's beautiful Mass led by our 5th grade. After our First Friday Mass got snowed out the week before, it was wonderful to hear some joyful Christmas music one last time. We had some 8th graders playing the chimes as our children sang joyfully. It was a wonderful way to start our day and a glorious way to end the Christmas season--thank you to Mrs. Wojtko and Mrs. Huth for all their work to prepare this Mass!

I know many of our students participated in the Mount Holly MLK Day of Service--you make me so proud! If you have pictures, please feel free to send them to me. I'd love to see and hear more about the great work you did!

The SHS faculty took Monday as a day of prayer and recollection. It was incredibly special to have Fr. Bob Lynam, a graduate of Sacred Heart School ('74) lead us in prayer. Fr. Bob has a special devotion to Pope Saint John Paul II. How perfect that he would lead us through prayer in this our year of Hope. We focused on our theme: Be Not Afraid. Even as adults, we need to be reminded and encouraged to do what Christ asks of us. It may not always be easy, but it is always filled with grace, sanctifying, and life-giving. Parents, join us and *be not afraid* to love Christ fully and live for him radically!

I hope to see you **this weekend** at our PTA's Spaghetti Dinner!  
In Christ, Ms. Besheer

## Liturgical Celebrations

This month, we prepare to be a voice for the voiceless in the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. This event has reached hundreds of thousands of participants, all who demonstrate a peaceful passion for the value and dignity of every human life, particularly the unborn.

The March takes place every year on the anniversary of the Supreme Court Decision *Roe v Wade*, which legalized abortion. The March is a peaceful and hopeful demonstration of our desire to offer women support and genuine help in their time of need. As a faith with great respect and love for women, we believe they deserve more than abortion offers—including better support after abortions.

Of course, as people of Faith, we also value the gift of life, so generously given to us by our Creator. It is with this love of women and children that we march on Washington and so we invite those students in grades 6-8 to experience this inspiring day of hope in defense of the most vulnerable.

## Important Links!

[School Calendars](#)

[School Handbook](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[AM Care/Extended Day](#)

[PTA Info](#)

[Health Office](#)

Here are some upcoming events and ways to get involved!

### **2018 March for Life**

The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring a trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19th. We encourage our students in grades 6-8 to consider participating! All students must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please contact Ms. Besheer!

### **Standardized Testing at SHS**

As many of you know, the Diocese of Trenton has moved from the TerraNova to the IOWA as our standardized test. Please review the official notification from our Diocese here. Testing is scheduled from March

### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Support our PTA at our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner! Save the Date of January 20th from 4-8pm! Find more details [here](#). Hope to see you there!

### **SHS Diamond Gala!**

Last year was the inaugural Diamond Gala at SHS and it was *fantastic!* Last year, this event was not only fun and exciting, but raised over \$10,000 for SHS! The focus is honoring our past and looking forward to our future. This year's [event](#) is on February 3rd. We hope to see you there!

### **Annual Sweetheart Dance!**

All students in grades PreK-4 are cordially invited to the 7th annual Sweetheart Dance on February 10th from 5:30-7:30pm in the SHS Auditorium. Find details [here](#). We hope to see you there! Please contact Mrs. Dallos with questions: [gracefaith23@gmail.com](mailto:gracefaith23@gmail.com).

### **Become A Girl Scout!**

Our Parish is now home to a Daisy troop and our students are welcome to join. See full details [here](#).

### **Sacred Heart Parish Children's Choir**

If you have a child who is interested in music and would like to grow their musical talents, here is a great opportunity for them to volunteer and have fun at the same time and share their faith with the community. For more information, click [here](#).

### **Support our 8th Grade**

As many of you know, our 8th grade parents work hard to provide fun and meaningful celebrations for our students to commemorate their time here at SHS. If you're looking for ways to support them, you can check out their very own link on our website [here](#).

# Sacred Heart Celebrations



5th Grade leads us through Mass



2nd grade laughs through indoor lunch by telling each other jokes!



8th Grade Cantors

*"Remember the past with **gratitude**. Live in the present with **enthusiasm**.*

*Look forward to the future with **confidence**. ~JP11*